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**AMENDMENTS**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 01, 2006**

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 01, 2006, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for December 01, 2006. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.